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(57) Abstract <p>The invention relates to the use of a 7α-methyl-17α-ethynyl-estrane derivative having general formula (I) wherein R₁ = H(OR₃) or O; R₂ = H or (C₁₋₁₈)Acyl; R₃ = H or (C₁₋₁₈)Acyl; and the dotted line represents a double bond in the 4,5- or the 5,10-position for the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylaxis or the treatment of atherosclerosis.</p> <div data-bbox="812 1155 1461 1470"><p style="text-align: right;">(I)</p></div>		